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To whom it may concern:  
Re: Acceptance of the Microsoft settlement.

First, let me say that I am not particularly a fan of Microsoft. They charge too much for their products, they are restrictive and arrogant.

That said, I think the whole suit against Microsoft should never have happened and should be dismissed outright, immediately. The current proposed settlement goes too far but should be agreed to if it is the best resolution that can be made at this late date.

Here are my reasons:

The Justice Department has far better things to do,  
This lawsuit has drained too much time and money from the taxpayers,

Microsoft is already systematically "shooting itself in the foot" and will not retain its market dominance.

Though arrogant, Microsoft has increased the productivity of businesses exponentially and brought capabilities to people that they did not even dream of two decades ago.

This lawsuit is supposed to "protect the consumers" but the existence of Microsoft has benefited the consumer and this lawsuit will add no protection to the American consumer.

Please accept this settlement and move on to something productive.

Thank you for allowing my comments.

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